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DEPARTMENT FOR EUR/RPE--S/S-0 PLEASE ALERT

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EEC, ECE, SENV, ENRG, XH  
SUBJ: HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS IN ECE

REFS: (A) GENEVA 4407 (NOTAL); (B) BRUSSELS 4678

1. IN ABSENCE OF RELEVANT EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS (SOME  
ARE AWAY FOR EASTER RECESS, SOME ARE IN GENEVA ON OTHER  
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BUSINESS - SEE PARA 5 BELOW), MISSION OFFICER  
CALLED UK PERMREP OFFICIAL FAIRWEATHER MARCH 23 TO  
DISCUSS RESULTS OF MARCH 22 COREPER DEBATE ON HIGH-LEVEL  
CONFERENCES IN ECE. FAIRWEATHER INDICATED THAT COREPER  
DID NOT DECIDE COMMUNITY POSITIONS FOR 33RD ECE PLENARY  
DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY CONFERENCES.  
HE SAID THAT A "MAJORITY FEELING" AMONG MEMBER STATES

IS TO DELAY A DECISION ON AN ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE FOR ANOTHER YEAR, "DURING WHICH TIME WE WOULD SEE IF THE RUSSIANS BEHAVE PROPERLY", BUT HE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL OPTIONS BEING CONSIDERED (NOTE: THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH INFORMATION CONTAINED PARA 6 REF A).

2. FAIRWEATHER INDICATED THAT, IF EC WERE TO DECIDE IN FAVOR OF ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE, IT COULD ACCEPT AN AGENDA INCLUDING TRANS-BOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION (TBAP), TOXIC AND DANGEROUS WASTES, AND LOW WASTE TECHNOLOGY, WITH A POSSIBLE "THROW-AWAY" ITEM ON FLORA AND FAUNA. MISSION OFFICER POINTED OUT THAT USG HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN TOLD EC COULD AGREE TO AT MOST THREE SUBJECTS (PARA 3 REF B), AND ASKED WHETHER ALL MEMBER STATES NOW FAVOR ADDITIONAL ITEM. FAIRWEATHER SAID NO FORMAL DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN, BUT THAT FOUR AGENDA ITEMS REFLECT MEMBER STATE "SENTIMENT".

3. FAIRWEATHER SAID THAT A MAJORITY OF MEMBER STATES OPPOSE ANY GUESTURES AT ALL ON A POSSIBLE ENERGY CONFERENCE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE U.K. IS ALONE IN ADVOCATING THE ADVANTAGES THAT SUCH A MEETING MIGHT PROVIDE, IF RESTRICTED TO AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

4. FAIRWEATHER INDICATED THAT, IN VIEW OF COREPER  
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DEADLOCK ON HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS, THE APRIL 4 FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL WILL BE ASKED TO DECIDE EC POSITIONS FOR THE ECE PLENARY.

5. FOR USMISSION GENEVA: COMMISSION OFFICIALS KAWAN AND FOUERE WILL BE IN GENEVA MARCH 23 AND 24 FOR STEEL TALKS AND MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION ON OUTCOME OF COREPER DISCUSSIONS. MORRIS

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